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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my thoughts regarding the impotent federal settlement with the Microsoft monopoly.

As a computer industry professional I've had to deal with the problems and intentional incompatibilities that Microsoft has designed into their software. Not only is the market dominance that this company has used to reinforce the perception that the Microsoft way is the only way to conduct business. Limiting the consumers perception what is possible ( as I'm sure is many lawmaker) but it also crushes, buy outs and or pirate's the innovative concepts of other business that would promote compatibility...

Right now people don't have a option as to what they can buy and use if they wish to conduct business or gain employment due to the intentional incompatibilities with non Microsoft products.

There are many other issues both of common sense and of the technically inclined as to why the monopoly has to be broken up and severely weakened. If not for the general benefit of the society in regards to creative though patterns but to promote a healthy business environment where competitive ideas and technology can enter the marketplace and take root. Not only for the short term but for also the long term benefit of both business and society.

How many billions of dollars have been wasted both nationally and internationally by the dependency upon Microsoft products ? Is not the predominant (if not exclusive ) targeting from both virus and computer worms upon Microsoft software not reason enough to diversify the consumers options?

Not only for private and business security but for also of Government?

If Microsoft didn't have this monopoly there would never be a foothold for these costly and damaging viruses to gain a foothold much less spread so easily?

I urge you to take severe action against Microsoft:

Breaking it up into at least 3 different companies that will be unable to coordinate their efforts  
( In accordance to both state and federal law).

Severely Fine the company for its practices of using its monopoly to prevent free market competition and needless incompatibilities with both

its operating systems and its software.

Require the company to publish its code and adhere to recognized international standards for all its software and forbid it to use its market dominance to pervert such standards to read "into the system" but send out as a industry incompatible Microsoft monopoly standard now unreadable by those "accepted standards".

Thank you for your time in reading this  
I hope that I've expressed myself clearly so that my perceptions may be known and appropriate action taken. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at my home (619.294-6631)

Sincerely,

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